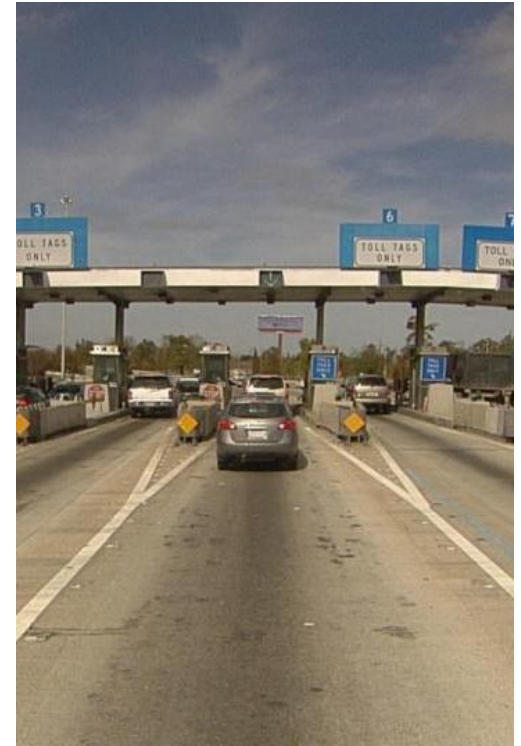


# Crescent City Connection Traffic Analysis

October 2012



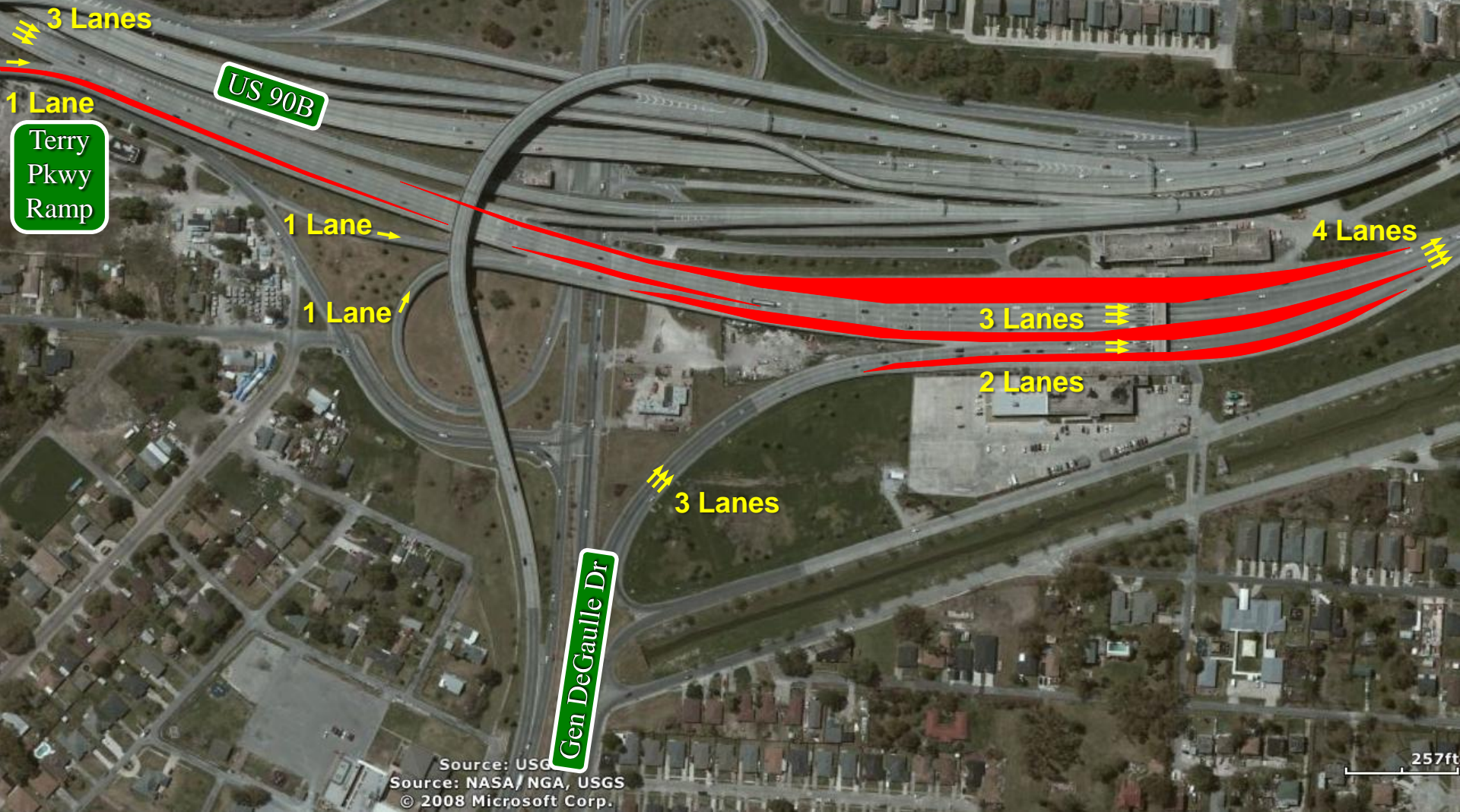
# Purpose

- Impact of toll elimination on traffic operations in the AM Peak Hour
- Analysis area limited to West Bank
- Multiple solutions were evaluated
- The most efficient / safest plan was selected as the preferred alternative

# Existing Configuration



# Proposed Configuration (No Tolls)



# Factors that Could Affect Operation

- Changes in traffic demand resulting from toll removal
- Downstream (East Bank) congestion
- Effects of Huey P. Long Bridge widening
- Changes to ferry service
- HOV Lane usage
- Reconfiguration of travel lanes
- Driver adjustment period
- Special events

# Ongoing Studies

- Analysis of appropriate HOV Lane usage
- Analysis of East Bank ramp configuration
- Ramp metering studies
  - Safety benefits of ramp meters
  - Potential effects on operations

# Implementation

- Initially, toll plaza left in place (signage removed / revised)
- Special events in early 2013 may affect timing of reconfiguration
  - Super Bowl
  - Mardi Gras
- Removal of toll booths, restriping, etc. to take 6-9 months once started

Note: there will be an adjustment period as drivers get used to the changes